(b) The question of implementing action plans for cleaning other rivers can be considered only in due course depending on the experience of the Ganga Action Plan and the availability of funds.

Japanese Credit for NTC

1729. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring the possibilities of availing Japanese credit to finance the modernisation of the National Textile Corporation (NTC);

(b) if so, what are the details of the ailing NTC mills at present in the country;

(c) what are the details of the programme made to make them profit making concern; and

(d) what further efforts Government propose to take to contain the losses of the NTC and to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 1987-88, 116 mills under NTC incurred net loss.

(c) and (d). NTC has formulated a turn-around strategy based on restructuring of unviable mills, selective modernisation with institutional finance, product upgradation and rationalisation of excess labour based on voluntary resignations.

Exchange Rate of Rupee

1730. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India participates in the United Nations project for the calculation of purchasing power parity rates for currencies; and

(b) if so, the exchange rate and parity rate of rupee-dollar, rupee-yuan (Chinese), rupee-yen and rupee-sterling pound (U.K.) for the latest year available.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exchange rates per US dollar and the purchasing power parity for India, Japan, U.K. and U.S.A. are given below:

Country	Exchange Rate	Purchasing Power parity
India Rs.	7.863	3.2964
Japan (Yen)	226.740	240.09
U.K. (Pound)	0.4303	0.48723
U.S.A. (Dollar)	1.0000	1.0000

(SOURCE: U. N. Publication on World Comparison of Purchasing Power and Real Product for 1980).

China is not participating in the programme.

Bank Frauds

1731. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks suffered a loss of Rs. 41 crores due to frauds in 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check these frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has intimated that during the year 1987, 28 Public Sector Banks have reported to it 1902 cases of frauds, irrespective of the dates of their occurrence, involving an

amount of Rs. 4084.34 lakhs approximately. The amounts involved in these fraud cases do not necessarily represent the actual losses which the banks may have to ultimately suffer since banks generally have some securities, insurance policies and make recoveries through civil suits etc.

(c) To prevent/check frauds, banks are taking steps to strengthen their control mechanisms, including internal audit/inspection machinery, and to make them effective so as to eliminate the scope for frauds, malpractices, etc. The vigilance machinery in banks is also being strengthened and made more effective. Reporting and detection of frauds is also being improved. Banks also take a serious view of irregularities committed by their employees and have been initiating action to inflict punishment on the delinquent employees befitting the seriousness of the irregularities

जोधपुर जेल में निरुद्ध व्यक्ति

1732. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जोधपुर जेल मे निरुद्ध व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है और वे कब से निरुद्ध हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उन्हें 15 अगस्त, से पहले रिहा करने के लिए आदेश जारी करने का विचार रखती है; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) जोधपुर जेल में 326 विचारणाधीन कैदियों को रखा गया है। इनमें से नवम्बर/दिसम्बर, 1987 में दो का रिमांड लिया गया था। शेष 324 कैदी फरवरी/मार्च, 1985 से जोधपुर जेल में हैं।

(ख) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Shifting of Head Office at NTC

1733. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it s a fact that National Textiles Corporation proposes to shift its Head Office from its present place of accommodation;

(b) if so. what are the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the financial implication of this change over;

(d) what is the present floor-space and rent being p aid and what will be the floor space at the new site and the rent to be paid therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d). NTC had purchased 34,068 sq. feet of area in the office Complex built for Public Enterprises in Lodi Road at a cost of Rs. 2.38 crores with a view to centralise all its offices under the roof.

NTC is presently occupying 20,735 sq. feet office area in rented flats located in different buildings and is paying a monthly rent of Rs. 68,000|-.

Inurance Claims received by the General Insurance Corporation

1734. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of house/shop burglary|theft|robbery|riots fire and road accident claims received and entertained by the General Insurance Corporation, during the period from 1st October, 19844 and 31st December, 1987 in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) how do these figures compare with the figures for the same period prior to 1st January, 1984;

(c) what are the safeguards and measures the insurers should take to get full